

LÍNGUA ESTRANGEIRA II - INGLÊS

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Consider the text “10 Gross Stereotypes About Different Countries People Actually Believe (10 That Are 100% True), by Julia Korneva.

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Read these sentences:

- “Except for the Queen and rainy weather, most of us are thinking about their favorite drink of all seasons - of tea.”
- “When we're thinking about arranged marriages, we usually believe that all of them are forced and no choice is given to the bride and groom.”
- “We all have this picture in our minds, on which Italian people are speaking to each other, passionately waving their hands.”

 **What is the tense of the underlined verbs in the sentences above?**

Check the next page.



All the verbs are in the **Present Continuous** tense.

→ Let's learn about **Present Continuous**. It is used in these situations:

1) Things that are happening now, at the moment.

- a) What are you doing?*
- b) She's reading in the garden.*
- c) They're not standing in the rain.*

2) Actions happening in a period around the present moment in time.

- a) I'm reading "The Surgeon's Mate" by Patrick O'Brian.*
- b) She's studying hard for her final exam.*

3) Future plans and arrangements.

- a) We're having leftovers this evening.*
- b) What are you doing tomorrow afternoon?*
- c) She isn't coming on Friday.*

→ **Common present continuous time expressions include:**
at the moment, now, today, this week, this month, tomorrow, next week (for future arrangements), currently

→ **Present Continuous Structure**

- **Affirmative**

■ **Conjugate the helping verb "be" + verb + -ing.**

- I'm (I am) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.
- You're (You are) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today. 6
- He's (He is) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.
- She's (She is) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.
- It's (It is) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.
- We're (We are) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.
- You're (You are) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today. They're (They are) -> wearing a blue T-shirt today.

■ Negative

■ Conjugate the helping verb "be" + not + verb + -ing.

- I'm not (I am not) ->wearing uniform today.
- You aren't (You are not) ->wearing uniform today.
- He isn't (He is not) ->wearing uniform today.
- She isn't (She is not) ->wearing uniform today.
- It isn't (It is not) ->wearing uniform today.
- We aren't (We are not) ->wearing uniform today.
- You aren't (You are not) ->wearing uniform today.
- They aren't (They are not) ->wearing uniform today.

■ Questions

- Question word + conjugate the helping verb 'be' + subject + verb + -ing
- What -> are you -> wearing today?
- What -> is he ->wearing today?
- What -> is she ->wearing today?
- What -> is it ->wearing today?
- What -> are we ->wearing today? What -> are you ->wearing today?
- What -> are they ->wearing today?

Exercise

Complete the sentences with verbs in Present Continuous tense:

- a) I _____ (wear) a dress today.
- b) Mary _____ (do) her homework now.
- c) John _____ (read) a book for his test.
- d) Paul and Lucy _____ (watch) TV.
- e) I _____ (play – negative) the piano this week.
- f) _____ (Peter – talk) with Richard?
- g) We _____ (dance) at the living room.
- h) The dog _____ (bite) my leg.
- i) Alice _____ (cook – negative) this month.
- j) _____ (Sue and Matthew – sing) “What a wonderful world”?



Check the answers on the next page.

Answer key

- a) I **am wearing** (wear) a dress today.
- b) Mary **is doing** (do) her homework now.
- c) John **is reading** (read) a book for his test.
- d) Paul and Lucy **are watching** (watch) TV.
- e) I **am not playing** (play – negative) the piano this week.
- f) **Is Peter talking** (Peter – talk) with Richard?
- g) We **are dancing** (dance) at the living room.
- h) The dog **is biting** (bite) my leg.
- i) Alice **is not cooking** (cook – negative) this month.
- j) **Are Sue and Matthew singing** (Sue and Matthew – sing) “What a wonderful world”?

What's the difference?

Present Simple and Present Continuous

- <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple-or-present-continuous.html>

- **Exercise:**

<https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/simpre-prepro/exercises>